

# St Mary's Catholic Church, Chorley

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

21<sup>ST</sup> MAY 2023

**CHORLEY AND PRESTON HOSPITALS:** Please contact St Joseph's Chorley (262713) if any member of your family is admitted into Chorley Hospital and needs a visit. In urgent cases or emergency please ask the ward staff to call the duty Chaplain on his bleep/phone. For the chaplaincy service at Royal Preston Hospital please ring 01772 522435. For the chaplaincy service at Wigan Infirmary T. 01942 822324.

**BAPTISMS:** Please see Deacon Norman or Fr Marsden after Mass to obtain the Baptism Application Form and Order of Service and discuss the baptism details.

**DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:** Trinity Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> June

First Holy Communions – 10.00 Sun 11<sup>th</sup> June (Corpus Christi)

Visitation by Bishop Neylon. Sun 24/25 June and week following.

Liverpool Cathedral Mass for Lourdes Centenary 17.00 Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June

**JOB VACANCY:** School are seeking a new site supervisor - see the details here [https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt\\_vacancyDetails.asp?id=61219](https://schooljobs.lancashire.gov.uk/nt_vacancyDetails.asp?id=61219)

**THANK YOU:** Dorothy Harrison and Anne Spear would sincerely like to thank Deacon Norman Arrowsmith and everyone who attended Carl's funeral for their prayers and kindness during a very difficult time.

**PLEASE BE VIGILANT:** Recently, several teenagers broke into the presbytery garden, kicked down the trestle gate and left evidence of drug using. Please call the Police if you see anything suspicious.

**COME AND SING** with Preston Orpheus Choir on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June at St Leonard's, Marshall's Brow, Penwortham. Full details on the poster on the narthex.

**ADVANCE NOTICE:** During our visitation period with Bishop Tom Neylon – 24/25 June, you are invited to the parish centre after the weekend Masses for a meeting with the Bishop. It is an opportunity to acquaint ourselves with the new Bishop and discuss parish issues with him.

**THE CROWNING OF OUR BLESSED LADY:** Thank you to everyone who took part.

**READERS:** 20<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Andrew Jenner. 21<sup>st</sup> Sun: 10.00 Dr Jane Eccles. 27<sup>th</sup> Sat: 17.00 Gillian Sharples. 28<sup>th</sup> Sun: 10.00 Simon Eccles.

**QUIZ NIGHT** in the Parish Centre every Thursday at 19.30. Now the days are getting longer, perhaps you would like to take part in the Quiz night.

**CONFIRMATIONS:** Young people from our parish, Sacred Heart, St Joseph's Anderton and St Joseph's Withnell received the Sacrament of Confirmation last Friday with Rt. Rev Bishop Thomas Neylon, Auxiliary Bishop of Liverpool. Thank you to everyone who took part and thank you to the choir and youth group who sang and played beautifully.

**Parish Priest: Fr. Francis Marsden**

**Deacon Norman Arrowsmith**

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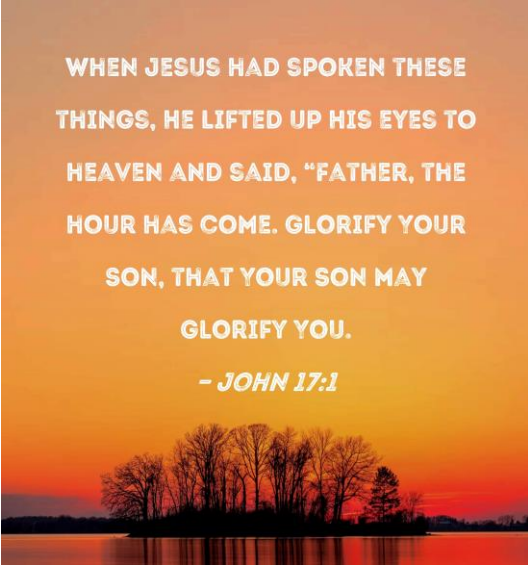
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Parish website: [www.stmarys-chorley.org](http://www.stmarys-chorley.org)

Parish Office: Tues - Fri 10.30-13.00. 14.00–17.00

Parish Centre: 270122 or 07377 341969 (Manager – Heather Cheyne)

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WHEN JESUS HAD SPOKEN THESE THINGS, HE LIFTED UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN AND SAID, "FATHER, THE HOUR HAS COME. GLORIFY YOUR SON, THAT YOUR SON MAY GLORIFY YOU.

- JOHN 17:1

*Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come: glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have*

*made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.'* John 17:1-11

**Sat 20<sup>th</sup>**

16.15

17.00

**Sun 21<sup>st</sup>**

10.00

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup>**

08.00

**Tues 23<sup>rd</sup>**

12.00

Confessions

Mass – John, Laura and Pauline F.

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER** (p.275)

Mass – Maria (A) and Waldemar Baka

St Rita of Cascia

Mass – Edward and Mary McDaid

Mass – Carl Andrew Spear (LD)

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup>**

**09.00**

**Mass** – Janet (A) Bolton and deceased family members

**Thurs 25<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**St Bede the Venerable**

*Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion*

**Fri 26<sup>th</sup>**

**12.00**

**St Philip Neri**

**Mass** – George and Margaret (A) Bury

**Sat 27<sup>th</sup>**

**16.15**

**St Augustine of Canterbury**

*Confessions*

**17.00**

**Mass** – Parishioners / McCrory deceased family members

**Sun 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10.00**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY** (p.288)

**Mass** – Ann Colette Bury

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SICK AND THE HOUSEBOUND:** Canon Brendan Alger, Emily Atkins, Patrick Bolger, John and Margaret Brown, Dorothy Burgoyne, John Campbell, Michael Collins, Kathleen Coyle, Colette Ellis, Carole Foczke, Rosemary Hough, Jacob Hughes, Archbishop Emeritus Patrick Kelly, Mary Langton, Fr Laurence Mayne, Fr Barry McAllister, Debbie MacFarlane, Molly Redhead, Denis Smith, Joan Smith, Terry Tingey, Mike White, Ann Woodruff, and parishioners in The Adelphi, The Gables, Westwood, and Gillibrand Hall.

**RECENTLY DECEASED:** **Magdalena Maria Maroń** (43) who died suddenly on 11<sup>th</sup> May in Royal Preston Hospital. Requiem Mass on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May at 14.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Francis Loughlin** (75) who died at home on 8<sup>th</sup> May. Funeral Service will be held on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June at 13.30 followed by committal in Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Vincent Aspinall** (father of Margaret Evans) who died on 13<sup>th</sup> May in Wigan. Requiem Mass will be held in St Mary's Wigan. **Paul Tuson** (77) who died on 6<sup>th</sup> May in Wigan Infirmary. Requiem Mass will be offered on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June at 13.00 followed by committal at Charnock Richard Crematorium. **Fr Gerald Hicks OFM Conv** who died on 13<sup>th</sup> May. He was Parish Priest of St Anthony's Mossley Hill, Liverpool. **Jacqueline Russell** (76) who died on 17<sup>th</sup> May in Gillibrand Hall Nursing Home. Funeral details to be announced later. **Eveline Ogden** (100) who died on 18<sup>th</sup> May in Adelphi Nursing Home. Requiem Mass on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 14.00 followed by committal at 15.30 at Charnock Richard crematorium.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Maria Baka, Janet Bolton, Margaret Bury, James Ryan, John Murray, Renee Rypel, Ann Seed.



**ST. RITA OF CASCIA** (1380 – 1457) has her Memorial on **Monday, 22nd May**. She came from near Spoleto and despite her reluctance, was married off by her parents at the age of twelve. Her husband, given to drunkenness and violence, treated her appallingly but Rita remained faithful to him for 18 years, enduring constant ill treatment. She gave birth to two sons. One day, her husband was brought home dead, having been stabbed in a brawl and Rita was left alone. She then sought admission to the Augustinian convent in Cascia and in 1413 was accepted. As a nun, she became

famous for her penance and mystical prayer and in 1441 received a wound in her forehead that looked like the crown of thorns. This lasted 15 years until her death. She

dedicated herself to the care of the poor and to prayer for sinners. She died on this day in 1457 from tuberculosis. Her cult is popular to this day. She is frequently hailed like St. Jude as the patron saint of desperate or impossible cases, and especially by women suffering unhappy marriages. Let us ask St. Rita to pray to the Lord for all who are desperate and for all those suffering an unhappy marriage. You will find blessed roses from St Rita's Convent in Honiton, Devon, near Our Lady's Altar.

**ST BEDE THE VENERABLE** (672-735) was sent aged 7 to be educated by the monks at the double monastery of Monkwearmouth-Jarrow, became a monk and spent the rest of his life in Jarrow. He was an eminent scholar, linguist and translator, who wrote numerous Scripture commentaries, plus calculations on the dating of Easter. His "History of the English Church and People" has won him the title "Father of English History." He is the only Englishman to have been declared a Doctor of the Church.



**NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT** continues during this week. 'Come Holy Ghost, Creator come'. You may want to sing the hymn at home, it will still count as part of the Novena. Please remember in your prayers the children who will make their First Holy Communion on 11<sup>th</sup> June. Also, please could you remember the suffering people of Ukraine. We pray for peace.

**Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and enkindle in them the fire of your love.**

**Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created, and You shall renew the face of the earth.**

**Let us pray: O God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct the hearts of the faithful, grant**

**that by the gifts of the same Spirit, they may be truly wise and ever rejoice in His consolations. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen**

#### **SHORT REFLECTION IN PREPARATION FOR PENTECOST**

Waiting can be difficult at times. The sense of anticipation and even uncertainty can be daunting. This Sunday, we find ourselves waiting. We celebrated the Solemnity of the Ascension this past Thursday, and we look forward to Pentecost next Sunday. Yes, the physical presence of Jesus was no longer amongst his disciples and us, but a different presence of Jesus occurs – the presence of him in his Body, the Church. The Collect reminds us that his abiding presence is among us until the end of the world. It may seem at times that God is not present in the world and in our lives, but the liturgy always reminds us of his abiding presence. Christ is present in many aspects of the liturgy – in the Sacred Scriptures, in the faithful gathered, in the ordained minister, at the altar, and substantially present in the Eucharist. The Prayer after Communion reminds us of that through the celebration of the sacred mysteries the body of the whole church will reach its completion, or end, as it passes in Christ her Head, to the glory of Heaven. During this time of waiting, the liturgy is here to help and sustain us along this journey. Fr A. Fyk.

**EXAM TIME:** Good luck to anyone taking exams. May the Holy Spirit help you to do yourselves justice. Keep calm and you will get through. Try your best and remember no one can ask for more if you do your best. You will be OK – don't worry!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The early Mass time on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May is at **08.00**. Thank you.